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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

F. Daniel Lopez

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7, 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 8-11, 14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed July 21, 2003, have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 12 and 13 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 7 line 1 "2" should be --1--, since claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by either Fleury or Horton et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Trabbic in view of Meier. Trabbic discloses a hydraulic closed circuit comprising a hydraulic motor (12) having preferred feed and preferred discharge main pipes (20, 22); a tapping circuit comprising a single tapping and removal valve (328) connected to the discharge main pipe by a tapping pipe (326) and to a reservoir (390) by a removal pipe; wherein the tapping and removal valve is contained within a cartridge (see e.g. fig 2, 4) mounted to the hydraulic circuit; but does not disclose that the motor includes a casing defining an internal space and a cylinder block disposed therein, or that the removal pipe is connected to the internal space of the hydraulic motor.

Meier teaches, for a hydraulic closed circuit comprising a hydraulic motor (26A) having preferred feed and preferred discharge main pipes communicating with the hydraulic motor; a tapping circuit comprising a single tapping and removal valve (42) connected to the discharge main pipe by a tapping pipe and to a reservoir by a removal pipe (46); that the motor includes a casing defining an internal space and a cylinder

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block disposed therein, wherein the removal pipe can be connected to the internal space of the hydraulic motor (column 4 line 45-50).

Since the connection of the removal pipe of Trabbic and Meier are functionally equivalent in the hydraulic closed circuit art; it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one having ordinary skill in the art to make the motor of Trabbic include a casing defining an internal space and a cylinder block disposed therein, as taught by Meier; and to connect the removal pipe of Trabbic to the internal space of the hydraulic motor, as taught by Meier, as a matter of engineering expediency.

Inherently there is a pipe connecting the internal space of the motor to the reservoir, similar to that connecting the pump casing to the reservoir. If not it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one having ordinary skill in the art to connect the internal space of the motor of Trabbic to the reservoir by a pipe, for the purpose of draining fluid from the motor case to the reservoir.

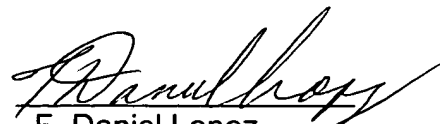
Conclusion

Claims 16 and 17 are allowed.

Claims 6, 8-11, 14 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Lopez whose telephone number is (703) 308-0008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM -4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Look, can be reached on (703) 308-1044. The fax number for this group is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.


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